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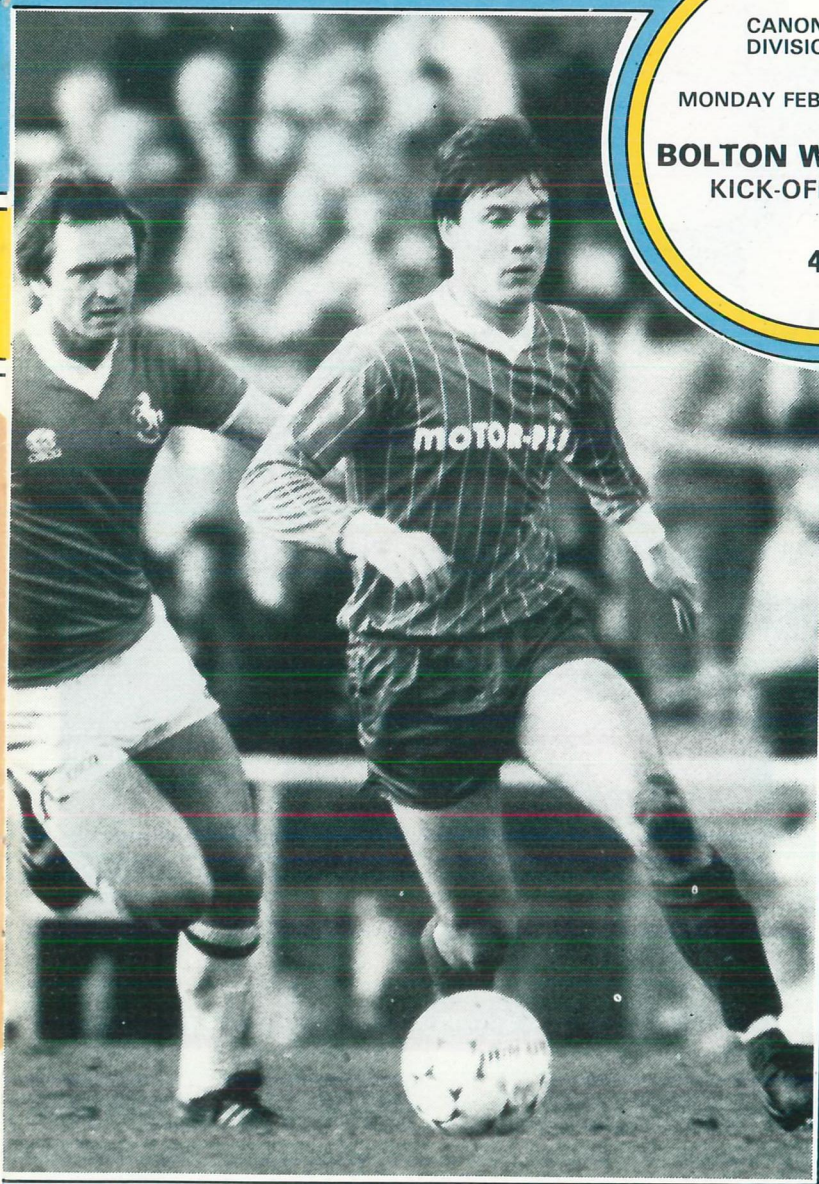
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DIVISION THREE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6th 1984

BOLTON WANDERERS

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Terry Smith

Chatting to a lifelong Southend supporter the other day, I was quite surprised when he suddenly referred to the team as 'The Shrimpers', rather than the more commonly used 'Blues'. And yet, checking up in the Supporters Guide to Football League Clubs, I see Southend's officially recognised nickname is indeed 'The Shrimpers' — not that I've ever heard anyone shouting out "Come on you Shrimpers", or seen slogans 'Support the Shrimpers'. Nicknames obviously originated, in most instances, as suitable abbreviations for supporters chants — after all it's a bit of a mouthful to call out 'Come on Hamilton Academicals' — and nowadays home fans seldom refer to their locals team by their full name. Some nicknames have almost taken over in fact, 'The Gunners' and 'Hammers' for example, are more commonly used than Arsenal and West Ham.

Despite that elderly supporter's Shrimpers reference, he admitted that he too now usually talks of 'The Blues' in respect of Southend, despite the fact that no less than four other clubs in the Canon League are also usually nicknamed 'Blues' by their supporters.

If Southend were to play Chelsea, Ipswich, Everton or Birmingham — or for that matter when any of those teams are

drawn against each other — the rival fans would each be supporting 'The Blues'. The players must get plenty of vocal support on any such occasion with everyone shouting for 'The Blues'.

Looking through the Supporters Guide I see we have plenty of animals and birds; Bradford City 'Bantams'; Chester 'Seals'; Huddersfield 'Terriers'; Hull 'Tigers'; Leicester 'Foxes'; Millwall 'Lions'; Norwich 'Canaries'; Watford 'Hornets'; Swansea 'Swans' and Swindon 'Robins' to name but a few.

Others have an aggressive slant; Aston Villa 'Villans'; Bristol Rovers 'Pirates'; Port Vale 'Valiants' and Manchester United 'Red Devils' for example.

Many derive their nickname from the colours they sport, including 'Superwhites', 'Blues', 'Clarets' and 'Reds' etc.

Southampton 'Saints' is probably the most inappropriate of nicknames for a football team, the very nature of a physical contact game hardly conjures up thoughts of haloed evangelists taking the field.

But, by far my favourite is that of Fourth Division Northampton Town. As might be expected in view of their noted local industry, they are known as 'The Cobblers' — there's no answer to that is there?

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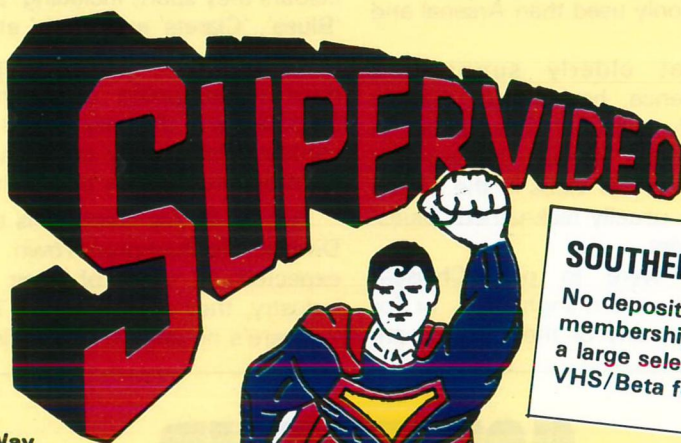
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Manager TALKS

PETER MORRIS

The disappointments for myself, players and supporters continued last week when we finally fulfilled our twice postponed away fixture against Port Vale.

Following our competitive performance at Wimbledon — where I felt we were unfortunate not to have come away with at least a point — it was not unreasonable to hope for an end to our sad away sequence of results with our visit to Vale Park, despite our unending injury problems.

Again we dominated much of the match but were unable to capitalise on our possession in terms of goals. Micky Stead became an early casualty in that match to add to our problems by joining our seemingly, impossible-to-reduce, list of injuries. But, hopefully, he will have recovered for tonight's match. Paul Clark and Mervyn Cawston appear to definitely be out of contention, but Alan Moody is progressing and could be fit for selection. Naturally, I'm hoping our injury problem is not further aggravated by our Friday evening game against Scunthorpe — something, at the time of writing, I do not know.

You are probably aware that I have

been given the go-ahead by our Chairman to sign a couple of new players but, despite our current problems, do not intend going out to 'replace a face with a face' for the sake of it. What cash I have available to me has got to be wisely spent. Finding the right players at the right price is no easy task although I do have in mind some I would like to bring to Roots Hall, subject to being able to negotiate a sensible fee.

Meanwhile, I do not intend to rush into things. I believe our present players are not as bad as our results reflect. We must see the crisis through together with a belief in our ability.

Nobody, looking at Port Vale's results to the end of the year, would have thought the same players could suddenly start achieving the sort of success they have lately — our current squad is equally capable of doing the same thing. So, I echo our Chairman's words in saying we all need your support now in the difficult times, probably more so than at any other time.

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Our Visitors

BOLTON WANDERERS

JOHN MCGOVERN (Midfield). John was appointed Player/Manager in June '82. One of the game's most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League cup successes.

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper). When Republic of Ireland 'keeper Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County, John McGovern turned to near neighbours Bury and signed up former Oldham Athletic No. 1 John Platt. Born in Ashton, John had seven seasons at Boundary Park before his move to Bury.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper). Coached enthusiastically by Charlie Wright, Simon has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for a couple of seasons.

GERRY MCELHINNEY (Defender). Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender). A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY (Defender). International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career.

ERIC SNOOKES (Defender). A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons, Eric is a defender John McGovern has been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born blond full back started his career with Preston and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender). Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield. Crossing the Pennines brought a fresh challenge for the promising young central defender.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender/midfield). A regular full back berth at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline, signing the Liverpool youngster for a modest fee. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield

showing the versatility of this promising young player.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield). Son of club coach Walter, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender. Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield). Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in midfield but likes to team in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN (Midfield). It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job making his debut, still only 17, at Rotherham. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER (Striker). A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER (Striker). A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderers' scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

STEVE SAUNDERS (Striker). A cruel sequence of injuries robbed Steve of his chance of a first team place last season. But it won't be long before this livewire attacker makes his League bow.

SIMON RUDGE (Striker). Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terror-like qualities last season. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that we'll see a lot more of this diminutive striker from Warrington.

TONY CALDWELL (Striker). Record breaking scoring feats in Non-League football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.



Back row: Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Simon Farnworth, Gerry McElhinney, Peter Valentine.
Middle row: Warren Joyce, Neil Redfearn, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster.
Front row: Charlie Wright (Coach), Jeff Chandler, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Player/Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

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3rd division scene

by Terry Smith

Millwall's George Graham is one Third Division manager who is pretty happy with things at the moment — thanks in some degree to ex Blues players.

He was recently given a new three year contract in recognition of his efforts for the 'Lions' who currently hold a safe, middle-of-the-table, slot but are not completely out of the promotion race.

Millwall's purchase of ex Blues men Anton Otulakowski and Dave Cusack turned out to be a wise investment, their influence playing a major role in the club's achievements this season. Against high-riding Hull last weekend, an inspired display by Anton in midfield, and stalwart defence work led by Dave, saw the homesters in little danger of surrendering their opening minute goal,

a winner that upset Hull's promotion challenge.

Walsall made no mistake at home to Bolton to keep their top spot in the table, but Bristol Rovers slipped up with a goalless draw against bottom club Port Vale. A win for Rovers would have put them second instead of fourth. Not that Port Vale are to be underestimated these days. They continued a run of improved results when Blues visited Vale Park a week ago. With boss Peter Morris again restricted in choice through injuries, and Vale's sudden revival, the prospects of a much needed win for Southend diminished compared with earlier in the season, way back in October, when the fixture was originally scheduled.

And so it turned out. Spurred on by their change of fortunes, the 'Valiants' capitalised on Blues errors to snatch a 2-1 victory, their fourth such result in their last six games.

Not that United deserved their punishment. For much of the game they dominated play, but lady luck played a hand on the few occasions Vale keeper Barry Siddall was tested. Billy Kellock, back in the

side after injury, must have considered his superb diving header a winner all the way, but that effort — well beyond the reach of Siddall — hit the bottom of the post. And, earlier, a clear chance from 10 yards was scooped over the bar by the same player.

At the other end, John Keeley enjoyed a far more confident display than that at Wimbledon two days earlier, even saving an O'Keefe penalty to keep the Blues in the match.

Nevertheless, the end result was a sad one that added to Southend's misfortunes and must go down as a missed opportunity of drawing away from the relegation threat. While the result had no immediate effect on the table positions of both sides, the relegation issue is ultimately decided by results at this stage of the season, recovery chances diminishing with each game from now on. And what is of concern in Southend's case is that three of those below them in the table have a game or two in hand. Hopefully, by the time you read this, Blues' position will have improved by three points from the Scunthorpe game and further enhanced with a win tonight.

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1983	Opponents	F	A
Sept.	3 Gillingham	1-2	
	10 Ipswich Town	0-1	
	17 Millwall	1-2	
	24 Norwich City	2-2	
Oct.	1 West Ham United (LC)	1-1	
	8 Orient	3-1	
	15 Portsmouth	1-2	
	22 West Ham United (LCR)	3-0	
	29 West Ham United	0-1	
Nov.	5 Tottenham Hotspur	1-1	
	12 Queens Park Rangers (LC)	1-2	
	19 Watford	3-4	
	26 Arsenal	1-4	
Dec.	3 Cambridge United	2-1	
	10 Charlton Athletic	2-3	
	17 Chelsea	0-1	
1984			
Jan.	7 Fulham	0-2	
	14 Gillingham	4-1	
	21 Ipswich Town	0-3	
Feb.	4 Norwich City		
	11 Orient		
	18 Portsmouth		
	25 Queens Park Rangers		
Mar.	3 West Ham United		
	10 Tottenham Hotspur		
	17 Watford		
	24 Arsenal		
	31 Cambridge United		
Apr.	7 Charlton Athletic		
	14 Chelsea		
	<i>To be arranged</i>		
	Queens Park Rangers		
	Fulham		
	Millwall		

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES SENIOR LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday
28th January 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	19	13	2	4	47	22	28
Chelsea	17	12	3	2	39	19	27
Arsenal	18	12	1	5	58	33	25
Millwall	16	11	1	4	36	22	23
Norwich City	17	9	5	3	39	26	23
Watford	18	6	6	6	43	38	18
Q.P.R.	17	4	9	4	27	27	17
Charlton Athletic	18	6	5	7	32	41	17
West Ham United	18	6	4	8	32	28	16
Orient	18	5	6	7	24	30	16
Gillingham	19	5	6	8	29	39	16
Cambridge United	15	5	2	8	26	35	12
Tottenham Hotspur	18	4	4	10	27	52	12
Portsmouth	17	4	3	10	16	32	11
Fulham	17	4	1	12	18	39	9
Southend United	16	3	2	11	21	31	8

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES SEASON 1983/84

1983	Opponents	F	A
Sept.	3 Swindon Town	0-9	
	10 Luton Town	2-4	
	17 West Ham United	1-2	
	24 Oxford United	0-4	
Oct.	1 Brentford (LC)	0-6	
	8 Brentford	1-3	
	15 Brighton	0-1	
Nov.	5 Tottenham Hotspur	0-8	
	19 Reading	1-1	
	26 Swindon Town	1-3	
Dec.	10 West Ham United	0-4	
	17 Wimbledon	0-9	
1984			
Jan.	7 Brentford	2-5	
	21 Brighton	2-3	
Feb.	4 Luton Town		
	18 Reading		
Mar.	10 Tottenham Hotspur		
	17 Oxford United		
	24 Bristol Rovers		
	31 Wimbledon		
	<i>To be arranged</i>		
	Bristol Rovers		

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday
28th January 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	12	9	1	2	32	17	19
Wimbledon	14	8	2	4	49	19	18
Swindon Town	12	7	4	1	38	17	18
West Ham United	9	5	1	3	24	18	13
Luton Town	12	5	2	5	21	23	12
Bristol Rovers	11	4	2	5	23	22	10
Oxford United	10	4	2	4	18	18	10
Brighton & H.A.	11	3	4	4	18	27	10
Tottenham Hotspur	13	3	3	7	27	33	9
Reading	11	3	2	6	14	23	8
Southend United	13	0	1	12	10	56	1

Date	Opponents	Att.	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6
1983									
Aug. 27	Rotherham United	3,122	2-2	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Yates	Clark
29	Wimbledon MC1 (1L)	2,577	1-0	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Yates	Clark
Sept. 3	Bristol Rovers	4,410	1-2	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson ¹	Yates	May
6	Preston North End	3,967	1-4	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Yates	May
10	Wimbledon	3,106	1-1	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Phillips	Yates	Clark
13	Wimbledon MC1 (2L)	1,967	4-6	Cawston	Angus	Collins	Cartwright	Clark	May
17	Bradford City	2,574	1-1	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Yates	Clark
19	Millwall	4,272	3-2	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Yates	Clark
24	Walsall	3,061	0-0	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Yates	Clark
30	Scunthorpe United	3,335	6-1	Peyton	Stead ¹	Collins	Pennyfather ¹	Yates	Clark
Oct. 15	Exeter City	2,342	0-3	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Yates	Clark
18	Burnley	5,301	0-3	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Yates	Clark
21	Orient	4,116	3-0	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Turner	Moody
29	Bolton Wanderers	5,366	0-2	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather ⁺	Turner	Moody
31	Brentford	2,902	6-0	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather ²	Turner	Moody
Nov. 5	Newport County	3,769	1-1	Peyton	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Turner ¹	Moody
11	AFC Bournemouth	3,277	0-0	Peyton	Stead	Yates	Pennyfather	Turner	Moody
19	Plymouth Argyle FAC 1	3,403	0-0	Keeley	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Turner	Moody
22	Plymouth Argyle (FAC 1R)	5,570	0-2	Keeley	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather ⁺	Turner	Moody
26	Sheffield United	9,627	0-5	Keeley	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather	Turner	Moody
Dec. 2	Oxford United	2,559	0-1	Keeley	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Turner	Moody
17	Wigan Athletic	1,819	1-0	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Turner	Moody
26	Gillingham	5,511	1-5	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Turner ⁺	Moody
27	Lincoln City	2,824	2-0	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Turner	Moody
31	Plymouth Argyle	3,978	0-4	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Clark	Moody
1984									
Jan. 2	Hull City	2,737	2-2	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson	Clark	Moody
9	Bristol Rovers	2,564	1-2	Cawston	Stead	Collins	Ferguson ⁺	Turner	Moody
28	Wimbledon	2,752	2-3	Keeley	Stead	Collins	Pennyfather ¹	Turner	Whymark
30	Port Vale	3,636	1-2	Keeley	Stead ⁺	Collins	Pennyfather	Turner	Whymark
Feb. 3	Scunthorpe United								
6	Bolton Wanderers								
11	Walsall								
14	Brentford								
20	Reading (AMC)								
26	Orient								
Mar. 2	Burnley								
10	AFC Bournemouth (FA 6)								
12	Newport County								
16	Port Vale								
23	Exeter City (MC F)								
Apr. 1	Millwall								
6	Preston North End								
14	Oxford Utd. (FA SF)								
20	Gillingham								
23	Lincoln City								
28	Sheffield United								
May 5	Hull City								
7	Plymouth Argyle								
12	Wigan Athletic								
19	FA Cup Final								
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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(Up to and including Wednesday 1st February 1984)

	Home				Goals				Away				Goals				Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	
Walsall	27	10	2	2	29	13	5	4	4	13	21	51					
Wimbledon	26	11	2	1	44	21	4	1	7	17	28	48					
Oxford United	24	8	3	0	32	15	6	2	5	19	18	47					
Bristol Rovers	26	10	2	1	28	10	4	3	6	14	20	47					
Hull City	24	8	2	1	23	7	4	7	2	15	12	45					
Sheffield United	26	7	5	0	31	8	5	3	6	19	24	44					
Orient	27	9	3	3	23	11	3	2	7	14	25	41					
Burnley	24	9	0	2	34	9	2	7	4	14	18	40					
Bolton Wanderers	26	8	4	1	25	8	3	3	7	10	22	40					
Lincoln City	26	8	3	2	27	13	3	2	8	10	22	38					
Millwall	26	10	1	2	23	12	0	6	7	21	34	37					
Newport County	24	7	4	1	22	14	3	3	6	10	24	37					
Gillingham	22	8	1	3	32	17	3	2	5	9	19	36					
Bradford City	24	6	5	2	32	20	4	0	7	15	21	35					
Wigan Athletic	24	4	2	5	12	13	3	5	5	13	22	28					
Preston North End	25	5	3	5	12	18	2	3	7	15	19	27					
Plymouth Argyle	23	5	5	1	19	8	2	1	9	12	23	27					
Southend United	25	5	5	3	21	13	1	2	9	14	33	25					
Brentford	25	3	5	3	18	16	2	3	9	16	32	23					
AFC Bournemouth	25	5	3	4	19	15	1	2	10	11	32	23					
Rotherham United	23	4	3	5	11	11	2	1	8	12	24	22					
Exeter City	25	3	3	7	15	22	2	4	6	18	25	22					
Scunthorpe United	24	4	4	4	19	21	0	4	8	9	27	20					
Port Vale	25	5	2	6	14	13	0	2	10	8	32	19					

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON 1983-84

	1983	Opponents	F A
Sept.	7	Cambridge	0-3
	14	Brentford	0-3
Oct.	4	Cambridge United	2-2
	11	AFC Bournemouth	0-0
	25	Northampton Town	3-2
Nov.	2	Brentford	1-0
	8	Peterborough United	0-2
	16	Northampton Town	2-0
	30	AFC Bournemouth	3-1
Dec.	7	Portsmouth	1-2
	13	Peterborough United	3-0
1984			
Jan.	10	Brentford (LC)	2-0
	24	Cambridge United (LC)	4-0
Feb.	7	Northampton Town (LC)	
	13	Brentford (LC)	
	22	Portsmouth (LC)	
	29	Northampton Town (LC)	
Mar.	6	Cambridge United (LC)	
	14	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	
	20	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	
	27	Portsmouth (LC)	
Apr.	10	Peterborough United (LC)	
	16	Peterborough United (LC)	
		To be arranged	
		Portsmouth	

MIDWEEK LEAGUE

(Up to and including Wednesday 4th January 1984)

	Goals				Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A
Portsmouth	9	9	0	0	36 8 27
Cambridge United	10	5	4	1	24 14 19
Southend United	11	5	2	4	15 15 17
AFC Bournemouth	10	3	2	5	19 21 11
Brentford	7	3	1	3	13 10 10
Peterborough Utd.	10	1	2	7	13 29 5
Northampton Town	9	0	3	6	11 34 3

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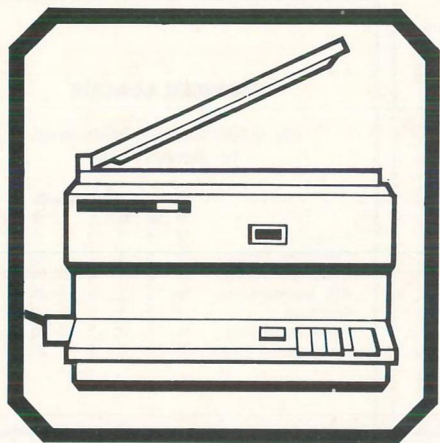
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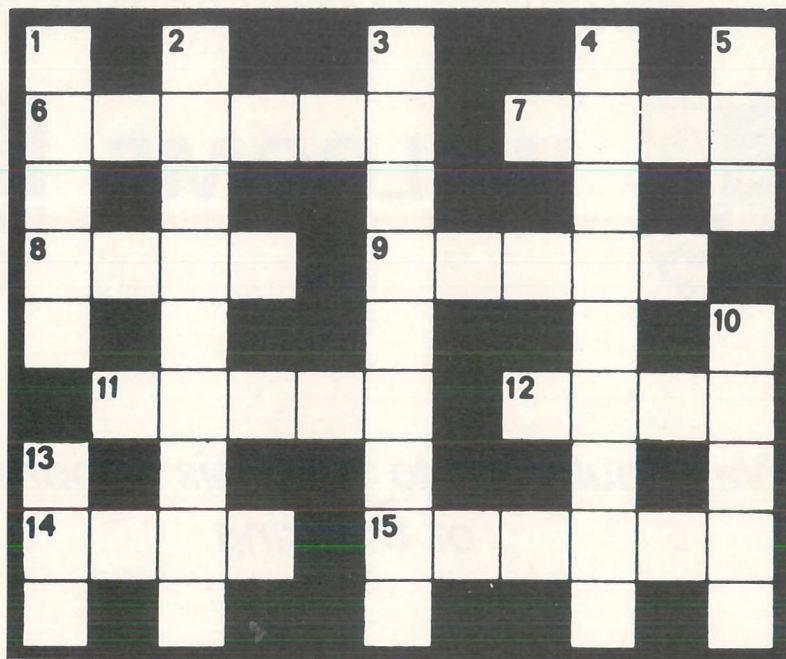
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PUZZLE CORNER?



ACROSS

6. Former Welsh international winger — — — Jones served Swansea, Plymouth and Cardiff (6)
7. The nationalistically-named — — — Symon ventured south to manage Preston North End (4)
8. The now well-established — — — Cup . . . (1,1,1,1)
9. . . . was previously called the — — — Cup, though it has had various names since it was first won in 1958 when Barcelona beat London (5)
11. One of those Athletic clubs (5)
12. Former Preston and Port Vale midfielder who matched the badge he wore at his first club (4)
14. Johannes — — — was one of the wingers used so effectively by West Germany in the Mexico World Cup finals (4)
15. Forward Les — — — kept to the north at Newcastle, Darlington, Bradford City and Carlisle (6)

DOWN

1. See 5 down
2. He established Wrexham's appearances record and also managed the club (9)
3. One of two famous managerial brothers, this one campaigned regionally with Colchester, West Ham United and Southend (3,6)
4. Scottish international who starred for and subsequently managed Chelsea (9)
- 5 & 13 & 1 & 10. The cunning, punning title of the autobiography of one of England's World Cup winners who played 72 times for his country and over ten times as often in it! (3,3,5,1,4)

QUICK QUIZ

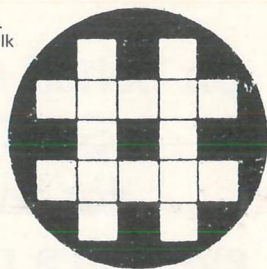
1. Which player (a Scottish international) has been sent off at least twenty times?
2. Dean, Deans, Deehan and McNeil have what in common?
3. Who managed Brazil between Claudio Coutinho and Carlos Alberto?
4. How many times did England beat Brazil in their first dozen encounters?

5. What is the name of the mascot for the 1984 European Championship finals?

ON THE BALL

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Jordan's old club
Peter of England . . .
. . . another of that ilk
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CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Billy, 7 & 5. Allan Clarke, 9. Ken Knighton, 11. Ernie, 13. O'Neill, 14. pylon.

Down: 1. Blackpool (v. Bolton, 1960), 2. Lea, 3. Preston, 4. seventeen, 6. long, 8. Lineker, 10. Neil, 12. Roy.

QUICK QUIZ

1. "Pop" Robson, 2. 1965 (Liverpool v. Leeds), 3. Millwall, 4. John Kosmina, 5. Greedy.

ON THE BALL

(Derby), (Abbey), (seven), (Derek).

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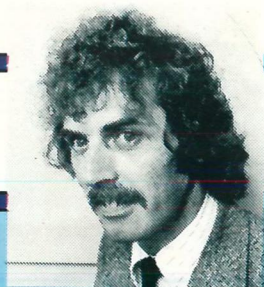
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AROUND ROOTS HALL

by Terry Smith



If the threat of relegation is to be removed, every game now is most important to Southend, including, of course, tonight's visit by Bolton. And United's task tonight will certainly not be easy, the 'Superwhites' visit Roots Hall boasting one of the Division's most prolific goalscorers in Tony Caldwell — a menace to any team suffering defensive errors as seems to be the case with Southend at present.

Blues visit to Burnden Park earlier in the season, at the end of October, resulted in a 2-0 defeat, Bolton at that time only six points adrift of the table toppers and challenging hard in the promotion race.

Since then they have slipped slightly, but must still consider themselves in with an outside chance of reaching Second Division status.

This fact, together with consciousness of Southend's poor present form and present troubles, is sure to give them added incentive, while United know how important a good result is — promising a most competitive encounter.

Manager Peter Morris has been given the authority to get another couple of players but, speaking to him last week, he tells me he does not have blank cheques with which to do so. Therefore, he has no intention of rushing into a spending spree for the sake of it although an early acquisition is not entirely out of the question and a new arrival to Roots Hall could even be as soon as tonight's game.

But, he added, with some of the figures being asked once an interest is shown, the task of bringing in any new player of quality will not be an easy one.

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With tonight's match brought forward from the 17th, home fans would have been matchless for nearly a month but for the intervention of the home draw against Reading in the new Third and Fourth Division Associate Members Cup competition on the 20th. Let's hope United enjoy a good run in this competition and give us all something to cheer about.

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PROFILE

RON POUNTNEY

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

KENNETH G. SALMON (Barnet, Herts).

Started refereeing in 1963 and progressed via the Mid-Herts and Herts County League to the Isthmian League and then the Football League List. Refereed the Hertfordshire Senior Cup Final in 1972, and lined the England v Wales Amateur International in 1970, a Football League Cup Semi-Final (1974), and a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Sweden (1975). Was reserve official for the England v Wales World Cup qualifying game at Wembley in 1973.

A married man, with three children, he is a Road Safety Officer in local government. Interested in junior football, he is chairman of a local Sunday League club.

His linesmen tonight are: J. R HARRIS from Lowestoft, Suffolk (Red Flag) and J. A. MASTERS from Oakington, Cambs. (Yellow Flat).

TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Our Mascot this evening is ten-year-old Paul Eyre of 18 Stoke Felde, Pitsea, who attends Briscoe Junior School and plays in midfield. Paul also plays on Sundays for Beech United.

Apart from his football, Paul also enjoys fishing and when he leaves school he'd like to become a professional footballer.

Paul will also receive his autographed football as a reminder of his big day.

Midfieldman Ron Pountney must now be one of United's longest serving players and is certainly a firm favourite with supporters who have voted him Player of the Year three times. His non-stop running and competitiveness impressed fans sufficiently to give him the award back in 79, again in 80 and then yet again last season. He also came close in 1981, narrowly outvoted, on that occasion, by Derek Spence.



Twenty eight year old Ron started his football career as an amateur on Walsall's books, graduating to a professional with the club before moving on for a spell with Port Vale and then Bilston (his birthplace) before arriving at Roots Hall.

Often amiably referred to as Reg (why when his middle name is Alan I don't know), Ron is married to Annette but, as yet, they have no children.

It's a pity he does not have more free time on his hands as I'm sure he would be most welcome in many fans' homes, his favourite hobbies being decorating and gardening — sounds more like a punishment to me!

His favourite player was Duncan McKenzie, his most memorable match the Liverpool cup game and his personal best goal one scored against West Ham in a League Cup match.

Ron is not much of a traveller, disliking long journeys even when his favourite cottage pie meal is at the end of them.

Although undecided about what he wishes to do at the end of his playing days, he does have some experience as a mechanical engineer to fall back on. Meanwhile he just wishes to be happy and successful — something, I'm sure, supporters would wish him too.

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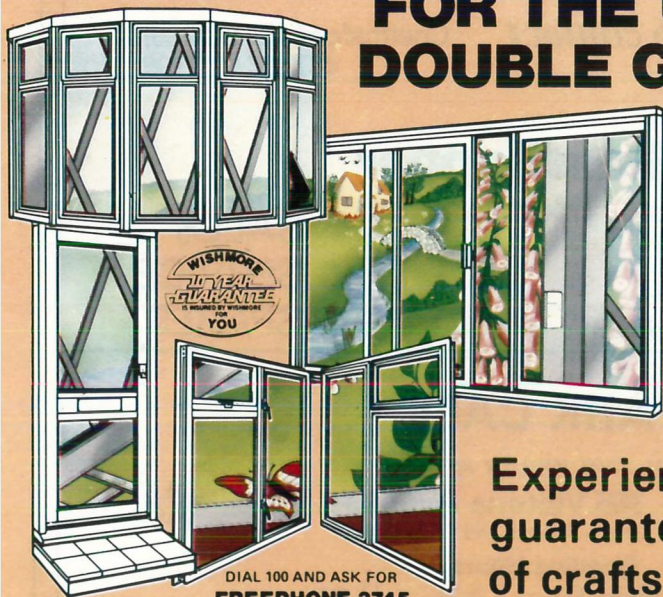
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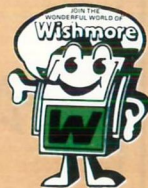
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